



GAME NOTES

Cowichan Valley Capitals
at
Wenatchee Wild



Friday March 22, 2019
7:05 pm

BCHL INTERIOR DIVISION SEMIFINAL – Game 5

Tonight the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild and #8 seed wild card Cowichan Valley Capitals meet in Game 5 of the BCHL Interior Division Semifinals. The Capitals play in the Island Division but qualified for the playoffs as a crossover wild card team and were assigned the #8 seed in the Interior Conference. The series is tied at 2 games apiece.

HEAD TO HEAD (REG.SEASON): The Wild and Capitals have met just 8 times in the four years since Wenatchee joined the BCHL. The first ever meeting was a tie, and the Capitals won their first visit to Wenatchee in overtime. The Wild have won the last six in a row to lead the all-time series 6-0-1-1.

SERIES OVERVIEW: The Capitals took Game 1 on the road, 3-2 and Wenatchee responded to even the series with a 6-3 win in Game 2. The Capitals withstood a fierce Wild comeback in Game 3 to nab a 5-3 win, and Wenatchee knotted the series at 2-2 with a 4-1 win in Game 4 on the road.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Lucas Sowder (8g, 10a) continues to lead the entire BCHL in scoring this postseason, while Murphy Stratton (4g, 9a) and Blake Bargar (4g, 6a) rank in the top 16. Cowichan Valley has Niko Selivanov (4g, 7a) and Paul Selleck (4g, 5a) leading the way up front with defenseman David Melaragni (4g, 1a) coming up with timely goals.

SPECIAL TEAMS: (POSTSEASON)	WEN PP – 8/34 23.5% 3rd	WEN PK – 5/26 80.8% 10th
	CV PP – 3/23 13.0% 14th	CV PK – 7/41 82.9% 5th

PLAYOFF PATH: Wenatchee advanced to the second round after defeating West Kelowna in seven games. Cowichan Valley advanced by eliminating the Penticton Vees in six games.

MOVING ON: Game 6 of this series will be played Sunday night at 7:05 pm at the Island Savings Centre in Duncan, BC. If necessary, Game 7 returns to Town Toyota Center Tuesday March 26 at 7:05 pm. The winner of this series moves on to face the winner of the #4 Vernon vs #7 (WC1) Trail series.

BCHL TONIGHT: Two other BCHL Playoff Series play Game 5 tonight, with Trail at Vernon, and Powell River visiting Victoria. Both of those series are tied at 2-2. Prince George has advanced to Round 3 with a 4-0 sweep of Chilliwack.

MEDIA: Tonight's game will be aired locally on "NewsRadio 560 KPQ" and streamed free world wide, and also available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

